

Remarks

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of the Examiner mailed February 26, 2007. Currently, claims 1-43 remain pending. With this amendment, claims 38-43 have been withdrawn.

Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires a restriction of the claims to one invention under 35 U.S.C. 121. Claims 1-43 have been restriction into three groups. Group I, including claims 1-37, is drawn to a filter system. Group II, including claims 38-42, is drawn to a method of transporting intravascular devices through a body lumen. Group III, including claim 43, is drawn to a method for retrieving an embolic protection filter. Applicant hereby elects Group I containing claims 1-37 without traverse.

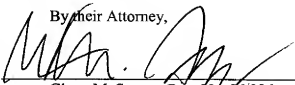
Reexamination and reconsideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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